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A process for the separation of cobalt and/or manganese from impurity elements selected from one or more of calcium and magnesium contained in a leach solution, the process comprising the step of subjecting the leach solution to solvent extraction using an organic solution of a carboxylic acid such as Versatic 10 and a hydroxyoxime such as LIX 63, optionally together with a stabilizer.